

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 721

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jim Bruce upon receiving the
White House Chamber of Commerce
Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Jim Bruce, who is an esteemed resident of White House and the 2012 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce was born on July 18, 1941, in Anderson, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Anderson High School in 1959, Jim Bruce pursued business management studies at Ball State University for two years before spending the next four years training as a tool-and-die maker with AutoCad training at Nashville Tech, with more extensive training at Hurco Machine Corp Training; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of his extensive training, Mr. Bruce earned the recognition and title of Highly Skilled Special Machine Builder; and

WHEREAS, after Jim's retirement from Allison Detroit Diesel in 1993, he moved his family to Tennessee, at which time he studied sign-making and designs, which propelled him to begin his own sign company, B & B Signs & Designs, with his youngest son, Jason; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Mr. Bruce has served as a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, which he currently serves as a Chamber Ambassador, and as a participant in the Discover White House Community Expo, the Americana Independence Day Celebration, and all other Chamber events and activities; and

WHEREAS, he assists with the marketing of Captain Jeff Mingledorff's "Captain Street Smart Campaign," a program designed to educate children about being aware of the dangers they may encounter each day; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bruce is active in assisting with and making contributions to any fundraisers or school activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he is a recipient of the Community Service Award for Millersville; Appreciation Certifications from the United States Navy Honor Guard, Harley Owners Group Rivergate Chapter, Lions Club, and White House Dixie Youth Baseball Organization; and he received special recognition in 2008 for outstanding service as a Board Member of the White House Chamber; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of Hendersonville Free Will Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of fifty-two years, Nila, and their four children, twelve grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Jim Bruce; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Bruce who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Jim Bruce for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Jim Bruce upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.